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## **COUNTY BOARD APPROVES \$375,000 TO SUPPORT QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

**Milwaukee, WI** – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved allocating another \$375,000 from the Special Needs County Housing Trust Fund to help finance the construction of affordable housing for residents with mental illness in Milwaukee County. The latest project, at 2500 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, will make 38 housing units available to serve the needs of clients from Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division.

"Since the fund was first created in 2007, more than 260 units of quality affordable housing for individuals with mental illness have been constructed," said Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic. "This continues Milwaukee County's long-term commitment to providing solutions for individuals with nowhere else to turn. We have established a great track record."

"Our partnerships with organizations like Heartland Housing and others allow us to leverage dollars from other units of government, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide better housing options in Milwaukee County," said Supervisor Toni M. Clark. "The County Board has provided financial assistance and made great strides in addressing our homelessness problem."

"Our goal is to eliminate cases where individuals with mental illness are forced to live in substandard conditions," added Supervisor Peggy A. West. "I am pleased that the County Board continues to take these positive steps forward, and I commend my colleagues on the Health & Human Needs Committee and the Economic & Community Development Committee for making these projects a priority."

In order to meet County Housing Trust Fund criteria, eligible projects must provide permanent housing where at least 40% of the units developed are primarily set aside for use by Behavioral Health Division patients with serious and persistent mental illness and have an income at least 30% below the median income in Milwaukee County.

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